



SMARTER BALANCED READY

# Big Ideas for Implementation



In implementing the Smarter Balanced Assessment System, staff in school districts across the Consortium have gained valuable experience. They've shared that experience through a series of “**big ideas**” highlighting what it takes to become **SMARTER BALANCED READY**:

- 1 Students Benefit from Taking Interims
- 2 Teachers Use Interim Assessment Data to Improve Instruction
- 3 Adults Learn First, Then Help Students
- 4 Using the Assessment System Is a Team Effort
- 5 Sustainable Teams Continuously Improve
- 6 Communicate Early and Often
- 7 Transform Classroom Learning by Embracing Instructional Shifts
- 8 Accessibility Resources Let All Students Demonstrate Their Knowledge

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## Get Smarter Balanced Ready.

Learn how districts successfully prepared their schools and communities through assessment literacy and communications strategies, as well as shifting curriculum and instruction to reach the depths of learning students require. Included throughout Smarter Balanced Ready are implementation **recommendations**, **stories of district work**, and **resources developed by districts**.

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“Parent/Teacher nights helped parents better understand the testing experience—‘like a light bulb went off!’”

—District staff member from Vancouver Public Schools, Washington